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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Present Application:

Applicants

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Title

SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE HAVING AN IMPROVED

PRE-METAL DIELECTRIC STACK AND METHOD FOR

FORMING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 22 has been amended.

For the Examiner's convenience, all of the claims currently pending are shown here in their entirety.